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n Dec. 5, the DAU/DSMC Fort Belvoir campus hosted its first International Day — French Day — organized to promote Department of Defense engagement in international policies as well as increasing cultural awareness.

Maj. Gen. Jean Charles Gaudillet, Defense Cooperation Attaché, and his Defense Cooperation team at the French Embassy began the day's events with a presentation on French acquisition, followed by a presentation on the European Defense Perspective from Maj. Gen. Daniel Bastien, Defense Attaché.

Dr. Gertrud Humily, DAU International Chair, representing the French Procurement Agency, rounded out the presentations with a speech on "Franco-American Intercultural Hurdles: How to Overcome Them Rapidly." Humily spoke on promoting, encouraging, and understanding cultural differences as well as constructive interchange with our allies.

Other highlights of the day included a French lunch with traditional homemade dishes, French music, and the presentation of gifts by St. Nicholas. After lunch, the participants were invited to the Essayons Theatre to watch movies on French acquisition and the culture, land, and traditions of France.

DAU/DSMC has hosted and participated in a variety of international events, and since October 2000, the University has offered language classes for faculty and staff as a part of an increased international presence.

Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Frank Anderson Jr., DAU President.



Tony Kausal, Air Force Chair, DAU Executive Institute.



From left: French teachers Carole Schmidt and Patricia Lescerret receiving gifts from St. Nicholas (aka Ed Boyd, DAU Visual Arts and Press).



Mellie Kausal (left) appears delighted to learn she will receive a gift from St. Nicholas, who rewards those who have been good throughout the year. The devil, however, loses out and must wait for a "not so nice" customer who deserves only lumps of coal or switches. This year's "devil" is Sylwia Gasiorek, an editor with the DAU press; St. Nicholas is Ed Boyd, a Visual Information Specialist, also with the DAU Press. Mellie is the wife of Tony Kausal, Air Force Chair, DAU Executive Institute.



Defense Attaché Maj. Gen. Daniel Bastien, French Embassy.



Dr. Gertrud Humily, International Chair, DAU Executive Institute.



From left: Joann Langston, Army Chair, DAU Executive Institute; Kausal; Josiane Saueressig; and Jürgen Saueressig, German Liaison Office.



From left: Bastien; Frank Swofford, Holder of Forrestal-Richardson Memorial Industry Chair, DAU Executive Institute.



From left: Anderson; Maj. Gen. Jean-Charles Gaudillet, Defense Cooperation Attaché, Defense Cooperation Office, French Embassy.



From left: Anderson.; Humily; Gaudillet.



From left: Anderson; and Col. Jacques Roujansky, Deputy Defense Cooperation Attaché.



From left: Mellie Kausal; Gilles de France, Vice President Auxit Rol; and Arlette Lion, CHEAr Conference Center, France.



From left: Roujansky; Kausal; and Humily.





Seated from left: Bastien; Anderson; Gaudillet; and Jürgen Sauerrressig. Standing from left: Schmidt; de France; Josiane Saueressig; Langston; Tony Kausal; Lescarret; Don Hood, DSMC Professor; Humily; Swofford; Roujansky; and Mellie Kausal.